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What's new on campus?

Diploma distribution

Fall 2013 graduates may pick up their diplomas at Lawshe Hall, Room 130.

Get to the Greeks

On Jan. 23 in the TV room in SUL, the Greeks on campus will host a "Meet the Greeks" where students can learn more about Greek life.

Student BackTalk

What are some accomplishments that Martin Luther King Jr. achieved in his life that you still see today?

"Well, if he wouldn't have started fighting for civil rights then the fight for gay rights wouldn't be as far as it is. He was a catalyst for other rights movements."

-Angelina Gomez, senior English major

"He was able to actually break the barriers. Here at Purdue, you can see the integrated students and faculty members."

-Angela Smith, senior biology and pre-med major

"I would say more racial equality and education. There's more scholarships and educational opportunities for African Americans."

-Dan Clancy, senior mathematics major

"I would say definitely starting an acceptance of people in general. People are becoming more inclined to ask questions about people instead of judging them."

-Dan Rodriguez, senior mechanical engineering major

Living the dream

PUC hosts four-day event to honor the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

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From Jan. 21 to 24 in SUL, the exhibit Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World will be showcased. Banners in the exhibit show different ideas from different people and organizations about achieving peace and equality.

2

On Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. in Alumni Hall, Northwest Indiana mayors will meet at a roundtable event where ideas will be exchanged about achieving peace. Lake Shore Public Television will broadcast the event.

3

The Office of Student Activities will present the film "The Butler" in Calumet Falls on Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.

4

Based on the Sept. 15, 1963 bombing at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., "Freedom Stories: In the Face of Discrimination," a musical, will be held in Alumni Hall on Jan. 23 at 11 a.m.



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William Steele, sophomore psychology major, sets up banners as part of the four-day observation of Martin Luther King Jr. The banners were donated by Soka Gakkai International, located in Chicago, as part of the exhibit Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World.



ADMINISTRATIVE

update

Winter weather & decisions to close campus

Brutal weather earlier this month was a telling reminder that occasionally it is necessary to suspend classes and/or close the campus due to adverse weather conditions, or other sudden, unusual, or unexpected circumstances.

The decision to alter normal campus operations means either of the following:

"CLASSES ARE CANCELED"

This means that **ALL** classes scheduled to meet that particular day are canceled, **but** all university offices, departments, and services remain open. **OR**

"THE UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED"

When the university is closed, only functions deemed essential to university operations will take place until further notice is given. The university is considered closed to all persons except those pre-designated necessary to perform essential functions. This requirement is necessary to provide for the appropriate safety and security of the campus community and facilitate the return of the campus to open status.

So that students, faculty and staff affected by either of the above conditions can receive information promptly and accurately, official notification will be communicated via one or more of the following communication channels:

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS:

Internet – Purdue University Calumet Website – www.purduecal.edu

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Public Address System – a campus-wide system to broadcast live messages providing instruction to the intra campus community.

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WBBM (780 am – Chicago)	WLOI (1540 am – LaPorte)
WAKE (1500 am and 105.5 fm – Valparaiso)	WXRd (103.9 fm – Valparaiso)
WZVN (107 fm – Valparaiso)	WLTH (1270 am – Gary)
NW Indiana Lake Shore Public Radio (89.1 fm – Merrillville)	

Television

ABC-TV/Channel 7	CLTV News	NBC-TV/Channel 5
CBS-TV/Channel 2	Fox-TV/Channel 32	WGN-TV/Channel 9
NW Indiana Lake Shore Public Television/Channel 56 (Merrillville)		

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NOTE: Radio and television stations typically do not announce resumption of activities/operations.

Our best advice in the event of challenging, inclement weather... Refer to the **Purdue Calumet web site**. The most current campus updates will be published there first.

Meet the Greeks

Location: TV Room, SUL

•Jan. 23

Posted by: Suzy Diaz

The Greeks on campus will be doing the first annual Meet the Greeks to give students on campus a little more insight on Greek life.

Each organization will be giving a brief presentation on their own organization, strolling and stepping. Come find out more about the benefits and traditions of joining a Greek organization.

The following presentations will be present:

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.
Alpha Psi Lambda Co-ed Fraternity Inc.
Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority Inc.
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.
Tau Phi Sigma Multi-cultural Sorority Inc.
Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority Inc.

Sixty percent refund ends

Posted by: Anne Agosto-Severa

•Jan. 27, 4:30 p.m.

Womens Home Basketball Game vs. Judson University

Location: Fitness & Recreation Building

Posted by: Student Activities

•Jan. 29, 5 p.m.

Chi Alpha's Mission

Location: SUL, Room 301

Posted by: Douglas Gordon

•Jan. 29, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The group will meet to discuss issues and concerns that people have about faith; and how that relates to their daily lives.

Men's Home Basketball Game vs. Judson University

Location: Fitness & Recreation Building

Posted by: Student Activities

•Jan. 29, 7 p.m.

"The Phantom of the Opera"

Posted by: Student Activities

•Jan. 31, 5:30 p.m. to 11:15 p.m.

Student Activities is sponsoring a trip to the Cadillac Palace Theatre in Chicago to see "The Phantom of the Opera" musical on Jan. 31, 2014. The \$35 cost includes a ticket and round-trip bus ride to/from Purdue Calumet. The bus will leave PUC promptly at 5:30 pm and return at approximately 11:15 pm. Registration begins Jan. 13 in the Student Activities Office, Room 104B. Personal checks and cash accepted. Student ID required.

Womens' home basketball game vs. Olivet Nazarene

Location: Fitness & Recreation Building

•Feb. 1, 1 p.m.

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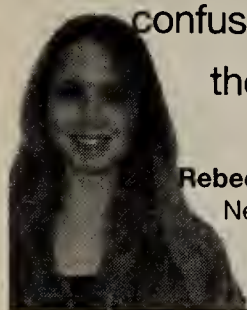
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EDITORIAL: What visible impact has Martin Luther King Jr. left behind

OPINION

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Rebecca Rossi
News Editor

The cold, the confused and the crazy
Midwestern winters are endurance tests. Between the freezing temperatures, potholes and mounds of snow and vengeful ice, it makes me wonder if some Midwesterners are tougher than others or just plain crazy. I have seen my peers wearing shorts in 30 degree weather, hoodies during snowstorms, stilettos while walking in an icy parking lot and coats not even zipped up despite bone chilling winds.

The mind is a very powerful thing, and we are all looking forward to spring break, but you are not going to think yourself warm. It is understandable that we all look 20 pounds heavier in a big warm coat, and that heels are pretty and guys may not want to change out of the shorts they wore at home. But frostbite is horrible, and some of the parts people don't cover up during winter are ones they most definitely don't want to get frostbitten.

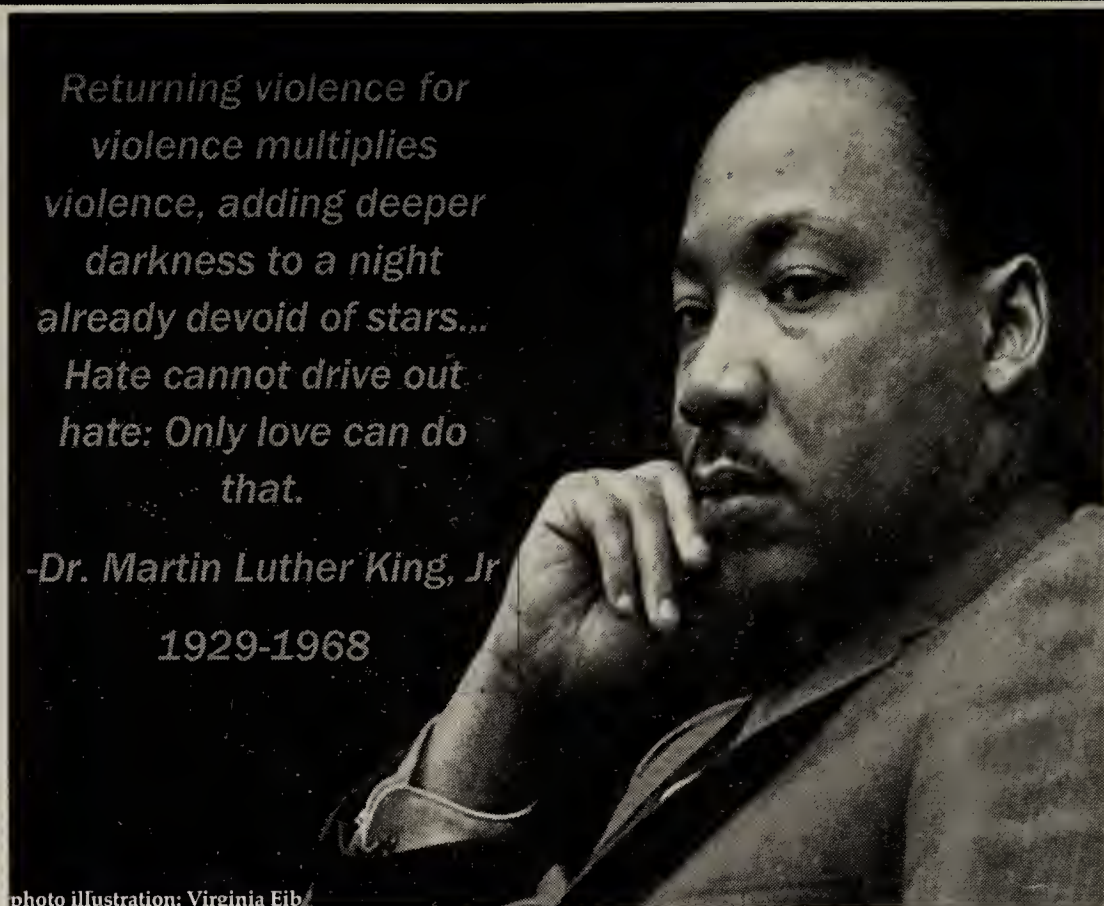
It probably doesn't help either that every building here at PUC seems to be a different temperature on the extreme ends of boiling and freezing. A sweater that keeps one warm during calculus will have one wishing they could tear it off like the Incredible Hulk while the English professor rambles on about something you were too hot to pay attention to.

Layers. That is the answer. Annoying as it can be to attempt coordinating all of those clothes, it keeps one warm on the bitter walk to class, and the amount can be adjusted to your ever changing threshold of comfort. A nice plus is that an extra hoodie can be used as a pillow if the professor is late or a presenter takes forever to set up.

Even keeping an emergency arsenal of winter items in the car can be beneficial, as sometimes I randomly assume outside is the same temperature as my house. When I'm running late and the cold rudely informs me that my temperature forecast was wrong, you had better believe I am grateful for that extra hat in my car.

People don't usually wear bikinis at funerals, suits during surgery, and pajamas to a fancy restaurant, so layer up, because we are all tired of hearing the purposely improperly dressed cold person complain.

This will be Rebecca Rossi's last column as news editor for The Chronicle.



Long-lasting legacy

Imagine a country where everyone you choose to associate with must have the same skin color as yourself. Thanks to the legacy left by Martin Luther King Jr., that is no longer a country we have to live in.

There is nothing that can be said about King that has not been said before. However, here at PUC, one can fully see the legacy he left behind.

A total of 34 percent of students who enrolled in PUC for the fall 2013 semester were minorities, according to the fall 2013

enrollment summary. In comparison, 15 percent of the entire population of Purdue West Lafayette is minorities, according to admissions. p u r d u e . e d u .

Along with minority admissions, scholarship opportunities have become available here on campus.

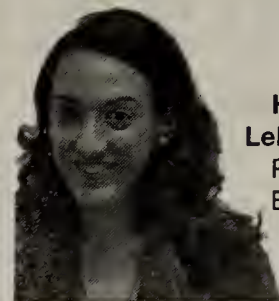
Black or Hispanic students pursuing a career in teaching can receive the Minority Teacher and Special Education Services Scholarship. The scholarship offers between \$500

and \$4,000 annually to students who receive it.

Along with student opportunities, faculty members who represent the minority population now have career opportunities due to King's work.

Upon walking into the SUL, one of the first things that comes to eye is the poster right by the doors. On the poster is a picture of King and a speech. Along with the poster, PUC hosts a four-day event on campus that promotes peace. All of this is done in the name of King.

Choose wisely



Haley
LeRand
Photo
Editor

Confucius said that if you choose a job you love, you will never have to work a day in your life.

I believe it takes a lot of introspection and hard work to find a career that you can be happy doing for the rest of your life.

I have known students who became fascinated by a subject, and when they began studying it in-depth, they found it unenjoyable. Alternatively, they find that the subject is ruined for them when they pick it apart and analyze it. I specifically notice this in arts-related fields.

For example, some music majors may feel that studying music theory ruins the mystery and wonder of the music. Those who previously found solace and enjoyment out of their musical hobby may find music a chore after studying it.

Money is an issue in this economy and causes many more students to take the safe and practical route and major in something lucrative.

Even then, no one is guaranteed a job. In addition, many careers, especially arts-related ones, seem to be about whom you know.

The more connections you have, the more likely you are to land a job.

“ I believe it takes a lot of introspection and hard work to find a career that you can be happy doing for the rest of your life, ”

One person may have more skills than others, but that doesn't mean he or she will get the job over another person who has connections in the industry. Therefore, it's beneficial for those pursuing the arts, or any other field, to network.

All students map out their career differently. Some are solely concerned with making money, so they go into the fields they know will produce money even if they are not interested in the subject.

Some students are only concerned with being happy, whether or not it makes them money. I personally believe in putting one's happiness first and working hard to make what you love a career.

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Students represent Greek life

Jacob Yothment
Office Coordinator

PUC fraternities and sororities will be hosting Meet the Greeks, an event held n Jan. 23 in Calumet Falls where students can get to know campus Greek life.

"We are hoping to introduce the entire Greek community to the students of PUC," Susy Diaz, senior nursing major, said. "Each performance will hope to embody our organization."

During the event, the members of Greek organizations will put on a performance for the students in attendance to present themselves, according to Diaz.

"This performance includes strolling stepping and chanting," Diaz said. "Afterwards, the audience will have the opportunity to meet the people from the organizations as we table."

Diaz represents Gamma Phi Omega, a sorority that seeks to empower its membership by employing a volunteer network of professional women committed to empowering students in their endeavors to

accomplish any goal, without limitation, according to Diaz.

"Our organization is small, so it allows us to have stronger, more personal bonds to the members and alumni from other chapters," Diaz said.

Gamma Phi Omega, Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Psi Lambda, Gamma Theta Kappa, Sigma Gamma Rho, Tau Phi Sigma and Zeta Sigma Chi will all present at the event.

"Meet the Greeks is a great opportunity to meet all of the fraternities and sororities on campus," Andrew Perez, junior organized leadership supervision major, said. "Even if they don't fit in with my organization, they may fit in somewhere else."

Representing the newest Greek organization on campus, Alpha Theta Kappa, Argenis Reyes, sophomore mechanical engineering major, hopes to broaden the horizon for men in both education and the rest of life as well as serve the community and university through his fraternity, according to Reyes.

"We represent a family," Reyes said. "When people come into the university

confused, we want to steer them in the right direction."

Each Greek organization has different requirements for new members, according to Diaz.

"Every organization is different for what they require from potential members," Diaz said. "Typically, you are required to have a certain cumulative GPA. This GPA standard varies between all organizations. You are also required to attend any informational (meetings)."

Diaz believes that students should wait until after they attend Greek events before they draw conclusions on Greek life.

"More times than not, people stereotype Greeks because of how we are portrayed in the media," Diaz said. "I can assure that 100 percent of the time for people that joined, it is not what they expected."

Joining a Greek organization also presents students with opportunities to work on improving the community and university.

John Vasquez, senior mechanical engineering major, represents Tau Phi Sigma,



photo: Jacob Yothment
Alpha Theta Kappa members table during the first week of the spring semester to recruit new members

which has helped sponsor and has helped participate in Camp Out for Hunger, Walk to Cure Cancer and more charitable events.

"Anything we do, we do to the greatest extent, whether it be community service or an event for students," Deonte Sanders, sophomore business management major and member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said.

Alpha Phi Alpha entered as the first fraternity at PUC and also the first African American fraternity. The fraternity originated at Cornell University in 1906. Richard

Delk, junior construction management major and Alpha Phi Alpha member, plans to showcase this historical significance at Meet the Greeks.

Jose Figueroa, junior criminal justice major and Alpha Psi Lambda member, believes that joining a Greek organization allows students to have a second family where they can both learn and grow.

"People should join fraternities or any Greek life because it is like a second family and it allows you to stay active and busy on campus," Figueroa said.

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Angela Leimer's mural can be found in the FRC on the southern wall

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ARTS & LEISURE

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Leaving her mark

Angela Leimer draws to grab attention, bring out emotions

Richard Chambers
Sports Editor

Angela Leimer '13 continued quite literally leaving her mark on the places that have touched her life. Before graduating, she won the fourth annual "Intra Mural" art contest and gained the opportunity to paint her winning mural on the wall of the FRC.

Leimer on Jan. 16 finished the mural, which is on the east side of the Gymnasium's southern wall, on the second floor. She made the original drawing in November for the contest.

"I'm feeling all these emotions of what it took to graduate, and what it takes, so that's why all those inspiring words come into that painting," Leimer said about her experience making the original.

Leimer's love of art started early. As a child she would ask her mother each year for permission, which her mother gave, to paint a mural

on the walls of her bedroom. She won some art contests and went on to earn Artist of the Year during her senior year at Highland High School.

For the award, art teachers pick the graduating student who they believe is the best artist and then choose a sample of the student's work. Each year's winning drawing is put on permanent display in the school. The teachers picked a mixed media drawing of Leimer's name amid images that she said represent who she is.

Leimer said her art is consistently bold and colorful.

"When you see it, I want it to just pop. I want it to grab your attention right away," Leimer said.

Leimer's degree is in hospitality and tourism management. She wants a career in event planning and event photography and is currently interning at the Crown Point Community Foundation. Her main art now is her photographs, which have appeared at Paul Henry's

Art Gallery and the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority.

Geralyn Farley, associate professor of hospitality and tourism management, taught two of Leimer's classes, one of which required a portfolio of cruise photography.

Farley was amazed at the beauty of Leimer's photographs.

Farley said Leimer's art and photography are great additions to her degree.

"In our business, customers first 'buy' with their eyes. It could be a meal, a hotel room, a destination. Angela is wonderful at capturing a subject that sells!" Farley said.

Leimer has since done projects outside class for the hospitality department and for the wedding of someone who was on the cruise.

Leimer took photographs, made decorations and painted a mural for a gala at the Crown Point Community Foundation.

Leimer wants viewers also to feel emotions, even if they



photo: Haley LeRand

are different from those that inspired her.

"What I like about photography and painting is that one picture, one painting, can express many different emotions through the viewer's eye," Leimer said.

Leimer's favorite art is painting murals.

"That's the fun part to me - is getting something and making it big," Leimer said.

Leimer painted a mural at Horseshoe Casino for a friend's event and finished as runner-up in the 2012 "Intra

Mural" contest, for which all drawings had the theme "60 years of intramurals." Her drawing included the name of Bob Hayes, PUC's first athletic director and founder of intramurals.

Matt Dudzik, director of intramurals, said he asked Leimer's permission to mail Hayes her drawing, although it was not painted on the wall. Leimer gladly agreed to send the drawing.

Leimer said she is happy Hayes knows people still remember him.

Omar Villalobos works as board director at WLTH-AM 1370

Jacob Yothment
Office Coordinator

Omar Villalobos, sophomore broadcasting communication major, and his mother Eve Gomez, host of "It's All About You With E.V.E.," drive to Gary where they both work at

WLTH-AM 1370 from Monday to Saturday.

Villalobos works as the board director. His job requires him to screen phone calls from listeners calling the studio; making sure that the show and the music sound clear to the listeners and playing the music and commercials. He also records the show on Ustream, which allows the audience to view it online. On occasion, Villalobos will be invited

to offer his opinion on the air if his mother or another show host needs input from a younger mind.

"The best part of my job is being able to do what I love, which involves sound," Villalobos said. "The fact that I have the opportunity to be doing what I do makes me happy, and now I even get paid a little, which doesn't hurt at all."

Villalobos received the opportunity to work at WLTH in October after his mother discovered that the station was accepting interns. After surpassing expectations, his internship soon became a job.

"When they were talking about internships, I thought 'perfect' because he just switched

majors," Gomez said. "Now, he gets to grow with me at work rather than just seeing me at home. He's learning so much. I tell him just stick with it and follow my lead."

The most difficult aspect of Villalobos's job proves to be the unprofessionalism of people calling in.

On Dec. 27, WLTH had a guest come in who discussed taxes, which lead to political remarks. As the show progressed, the number of viewers on Ustream greatly rose and the phone lines flooded with calls, according to Villalobos.

"By the time we got to 30 viewers on Ustream, we had two guys call in who gave racist remarks and used profanity," Villalobos said. "After the second caller, the first caller called back, but he used an accent to try and hide his voice."

Villalobos wishes to one day become a recording artist or work on stage himself since his father would take him on stage with his band when he was a toddler. Villalobos hopes to take the experiences he gains from working at WLTH to graduate school where he hopes to work in sound engineering.

"As a career, broadcasting isn't my first choice," Villalobos said. "I've been performing music all my life, so I'd love to be doing something with that whether it's performing on stage, recording in a studio or the sound engineer to either of those two scenarios."

Earlier in January, Villalobos received the opportunity to work on the set of a movie.

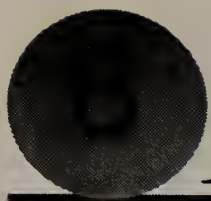
Villalobos will be working hands-on with the director, work as a cameraman and work as a production assistant.

"I don't know all the details," Villalobos said. "Production should start soon."

Along with working at WLTH, Villalobos also serves as a founding member of Gamma Theta Kappa, a new fraternity which aims to support incoming male students into college life.



photo: Adam Arnold
Omar Villalobos, sophomore broadcasting communication major, uses several pieces of equipment while at work. He uses a soundboard to level all microphones and music, two laptops and a two-disk CD deck.



ARTS & LEISURE

Additional reviews on “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” and “Lone Survivor” can be found on pucchronicle.com

David O. Russel strikes it rich with “American Hustle”

Virginia Eib
Production Manager



photos provided: collider.com

“American Hustle,” a period piece set in the late 1970s, is the latest film from director David O. Russell (“Silver Linings Playbook”). The film details the Arab Scam (ABSCAM) investigations, a federal sting involving crooked congressmen, wayward grifters and FBI agents posing as wealthy Arab sheiks.

While Russell doesn’t let facts stand in the way of a good story, “Hustle” perfectly captures the uneven tone of the transitional era when the flashy decadence and excess of the 1970s gave way to the button-down, conservative sobriety of the 1980s.

The ensemble cast of Russell regulars features Christian Bale (“The Fighter”) playing likeable con-man Irving Rosenfeld and Amy Adams playing his sexy partner-in-crime and mistress, Sydney Prosser. She convincingly transforms into the aristocratic “Lady Edith Greensley of England” to effortlessly trap hapless debtors in their joint racketeering scheme. They eventually find themselves in the crosshairs of the FBI and the probing eye of Richie DiMaso (Bradley Cooper), an aggressive federal agent whose ostentatious ego is matched only by his ridiculous hair.

That’s when the entire tone of the film pivots. Suddenly the players find themselves among members of the upper echelons of New Jersey politicians and organized crime as DiMaso’s unwavering ambition to take down the mob and several members of Congress eventually begins to parallel that of a perfect Shakespearian demise. Rosalyn, Irving’s ne’er-do-well wife, played by Jennifer Lawrence, further complicates matters when she unknowingly becomes involved in the sting operation as a result of her jealous prying into Irving’s complicated affairs. Lawrence’s performance has been widely received with critical acclaim and rightly so. Although Bale’s many improvised scenes represent some of the film’s finest moments, Lawrence’s performance is still the best part of this film, and one can’t help but appreciate the versatility she consistently brings to her roles.

With 10 nominations, “American Hustle” is sure to be a contender at this year’s Oscars, but it will surely continue to command attention beyond the accolades of the Academy. The powerhouse performances of this cast are so perfectly executed that even the godfather of crime drama himself, Martin Scorsese, has never achieved a level of depth that can match this splendidly rich character study. One can’t help but eagerly anticipate Russell’s future plans. He is sure to be joining the ranks of among history’s elite directors.



Philosophy Club: More than just talk about Aristotle

Jeff Scott
Arts & Leisure Editor

The Philosophy Club is new to the PUC campus, offering students a chance to discuss and debate serious topics that sometimes challenge personal beliefs.

The club began in 2013 and currently has 32 members, said President Daniel Nichols, who is a third-year philosophy major.

According to Nichols, the club began as a series of colloquialisms, in which a presentation was made about a certain topic and then a group discussion usually followed.

Philosophy instructor Samuel Zinaich Jr. later asked his class if they were interested in turning the events into an official club. The answer was yes, and Nichols volunteered to be the club’s first president.

Nichols cited an example of what may happen at a typical meeting. Three of the club’s members may know about a certain topic. All three members get together, summarize their views and then see how other members of the club feel about that topic.

The club is open to all majors, Nichols said. He plans the meetings every three or four weeks, depending on the availability of the club’s members. Nichols said that students interested in the club may email him at danieletnichols@gmail.com or contact any philosophy faculty member at PUC.

Nichols summed up what he believes philosophy is all about. “It is about finding the way to make yourself the most consistent with your reasoning,” Nichols said. “Knowing how these arguments work and finding ways to take them apart is what makes you a smarter person.”

Jet Laino, club secretary, is a third-year student and double major in psychology and philosophy. She said she has had to work to eliminate from within herself the type of inconsistencies that Nichols talked about. She cited, for example, the inconsistencies of someone who is against abortion and still favors the death penalty. The person may believe that a fetus is a person but also believe that once a full-grown person commits a violent crime, they may be put to death.

“I would think that if a fetus has no worldly experience and no formal conscious like a full-grown person does, why does it have more of a right than someone who has lived 40 or 50 years of their life?” Laino said.

Nichols said that he is often asked about the practicality of having a philosophy major or minor. He said philosophy helps to teach basic principles that come up in business, law, medicine, writing and public relations. He cited a recent study that examined medical school applications. Philosophy majors are accepted about 50 percent of the time, while just 30 percent of biology majors are accepted, primarily because philosophy helps students to think and learn if something they are doing is right or wrong.



photo: Jeff Scott

Members of the Philosophy Club ponder some serious topics. From left to right: Secretary Jet Laino, President Daniel Nichols, Vice-president Kristina Rachowicz.

Playing through the pain

Tierra Turner returns to the court despite past knee injury

Richard Chambers
Sports Editor

Tierra Turner, senior on the basketball court for the second year since a knee injury took her out for the 2011-12 season, said her lifelong dream is playing basketball and she plans to continue as long as her knees allow.

Turner has been at PUC for five years, all of which she has been on the team, and will graduate in the fall with a degree in criminal justice. She is considering whether to contact a basketball agent.

Turner said she never fully recovered from tearing a ligament and the meniscus in her right knee during the first nine minutes of the first scrimmage of the 2011-12 season.

Turner pulled a hamstring a week or two before and since then was having a trainer wrap her leg. The trainer may have thought she had improved, because the trainer only covered her knees. She landed incorrectly after a play.

Turner said she expected to recover quickly because she returned to the game in high school only three months after she injured her left knee. Turner had surgery in January 2012 and did not return to practice until fall and to the game until December.

"I just wasn't - wasn't ready to sit out that long," Turner said.

The right knee still hurts. Turner does treatment after every game or practice and does not expect improvement even to 95 percent of how she played before.

"It's tough. I have to play through the pain, though, I guess," Turner said.

Turner said her style of playing has changed significantly over the years, particularly after her injuries. She said the weakness and stiffness in her knees during the second half of



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Tierra Turner watches the last seconds tick away at the game against Robert Morris College on Jan. 11.

a game has caused her not to be as aggressive and not to make as many shots as before.

Turner has not changed her style of playing by feeling more than thinking, but now she feels uncomfortable making shots as often, despite trying to follow head coach Tom Megyesi's advice to be more aggressive.

"If I don't feel like I'm going to make the shot, or if I don't feel confident, I'm not going to shoot it," Turner said.

Turner first came to PUC to go to school close to home and to be on the team with friend MeMe Harris, who was with Turner on Merrillville High School's girls' basketball team.

Harris, who will graduate with a degree in criminal justice this spring, said she and Turner still talk often and always laugh.

"She is one of the funniest people I know, besides myself," Harris said.

Turner said, if she does not continue in basketball, she would like to be a lawyer if less school were necessary.

Turner might work as a detective or in correctional facilities.



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Noah Allen learns from PUC experience

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Noah Allen, junior business major, plays his third year of basketball for the mens' basketball team.

Allen has enjoyed himself while in school and playing basketball at PUC.

Allen, a 5 foot 10 inch guard, always knows what to expect in basketball and in the classroom, and he knows how head coach Dan Voudrie's ways are.

"Noah is the player he is because of the results he produces. He always finds a way to be successful." Head Coach Dan Voudrie.

Allen said his basketball playing has been up and down for his whole life, even while in college.

"As the years went on I would make improvements

in my game in every way possible," Allen said.

Allen said he has made many strides in various ways to become better. He practices often when nobody is watching and finds the weaknesses in his game.

Allen is from Carroll High School in Flora, Ind. He played baseball, football, tennis and soccer and ran track in high school. However, Allen knew his passion was basketball ever since he was younger.

Allen was a two-time Hoosier Heartland All-Conference selection while in high school. He ranked second on the school's all-time list with a 56.5 career field goal percentage.

Allen also finished high school with a total of 709 points and 257 assists.

Voudrie believes Allen has learned to be smarter on

the basketball court in every way possible and has showed determination over the years.

"Noah has made some good progress in the area of mental toughness over the last two and a half seasons," Voudrie said.

Allen has two best friends on the basketball court: Danny Paschen, and Kaspars Brencans.

"Noah is like a brother to me; outside of basketball, we are always hanging out. We are like best friends, and we joke around a lot. We always help each other out to see what we need improvement on," Paschen said.

Allen said he wouldn't be in the position he is if it wasn't for them.

"Noah was one of the first guys I met on the team, and I hung out with. He is a great teammate; and he is always there, and we find ways to be successful on the court," Brencans said.

Allen said that, despite the rough start that he and the team had, he kept an optimistic attitude.

Allen was trying to bring the team up in the early part of his career on the team. He said he always found ways to get better.



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Noah Allen watches in anticipation as the clock winds down at the game against Robert Morris college on Jan. 11. Allen relies on the support of his teammates and coach while on the court. "As I go forward, it is going to be more and more challenging, but I will always believe in myself and will always have the support of my teammates and coaches," Allen said.

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